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**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116**

This Amendment is responsive to the Final Official Action mailed November 26, 2007 (Paper No. 20071121), the date of response to which has been extended two months up to and including April 28, 2007 (April 26, 2008 falling on a Saturday) in view of the attached two-month extension of time petition and petition fee.

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